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- reference is made to an English language translation submitted herewith, and/or
- reference is made to a foreign patent office search report (in the English language) submitted herewith, and/or
- reference is made to an English language translation of a foreign patent office search report submitted herewith, and/or
- reference is made to the concise explanation contained in the specification of the present application at page(s) _____, and/or

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- 5. Applicant also offers the following comments for the Examiner's consideration:
- 6. Also enclosed is a copy of a foreign search report citing these references.
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- 8. Applicant(s) requests that the Information Disclosure Statement and attached Form PTO-1449 and references, which are being filed before the grant of the patent and pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.97(i), be placed in the file of the captioned application.

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	A23	5,758,355	5/98	Buchanan, David D.				

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